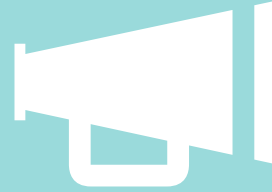# BIKEWAYS & TRAILS PLAN INPUT

Mapping

Ideas

Online Survey

THE COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Bikeways and Trails in Chesterfield County

The summertime evokes childhood memories of playing outside, splashing in the pool and chasing lightning bugs. This summer we made new memories with the community as we listened to ideas about the future of biking and walking in Chesterfield County. This report summarizes current views and habits towards biking, walking and running as well as desires for the future. Full meeting and survey results can be found on the website.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?
Contact: Heather Barrar- barrarh@chesterfield.gov - 804.748.1778 - www.chesterfield.gov/BikePlan

Over 93% of those surveyed said they would like to **BIKE** more and 88% would like to **WALK** more than they do now.

Why aren't they?

"I WOULD LIKE TO DO MY SHOPPING, GO TO RESTAURANTS, PARKS AND NEIGHBORHOODS ON MY BIKE, BUT AM AFRAID TO DO SO NOW BECAUSE OF TRAFFIC"

Barriers to Biking and Walking

1. Don't feel safe on roads
2. Destinations too far
3. Not enough designated places to walk
4. Lack of signalized crosswalks
5. Difficult to carry belongings
6. Kids need to be transported
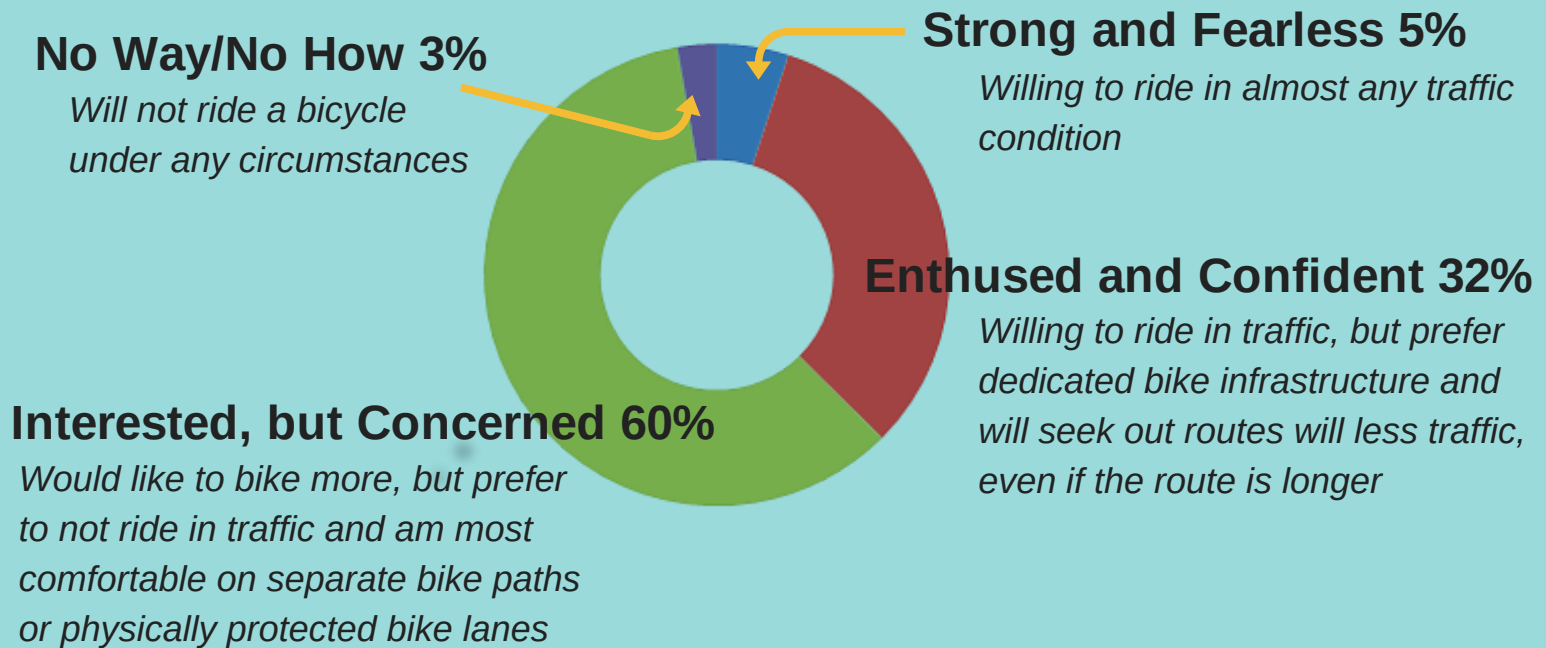
What would help people bike and walk more?

Biking Solutions

1. Shared Use Path
2. Protected Bike Lane
4. Buffered Bike Lane
5. Bike Lane
6. Pavement Markings
7. Neighborhood Byway

Walking Solutions

1. Shared Use Path
2. Improved Sidewalk Conditions
3. Pedestrian Signals and Crossings

Most Chesterfield County residents consider themselves interested, but concerned riders

No Way/No How 3%
Will not ride a bicycle under any circumstances

Strong and Fearless 5%
Willing to ride in almost any traffic condition

Enthused and Confident 32%
Willing to ride in traffic, but prefer dedicated bike infrastructure and will seek out routes will less traffic, even if the route is longer

Interested, but Concerned 60%
Would like to bike more, but prefer to not ride in traffic and am most comfortable on separate bike paths or physically protected bike lanes

Why people walk, run and bike now

Walk or Run
- Health/Recreation/Leisure (97%)
- Shopping Trips (30%)
- Commuting (14%)

Bike
- Health/Recreation/Leisure (87%)
- Competitive Sport (27%)
- Shopping Trips (24%)
- Commuting (18%)

"A trail to our elementary school would be another way
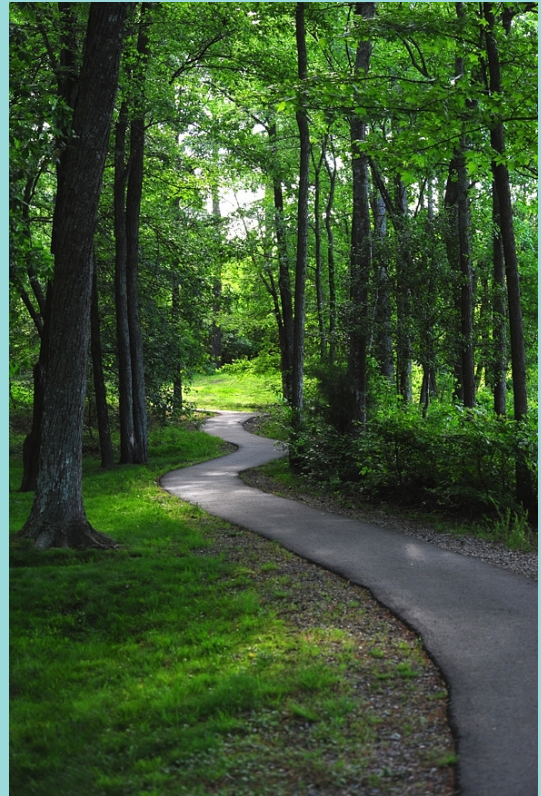of keeping our family healthy and active"

Time is a limiting factor and people want to *go* places on foot or by bike.

Where do they want to go?

Destinations

- Safer recreational routes
- Internal Places
  (like a friend's house or the Village of Midlothian)
- Parks
- Retail & Service
- Trails

How do we pay for it?

According to the online survey, more respondents favored using **private funding** like endowments and grants rather than **public funding** in the form of a tax or fee
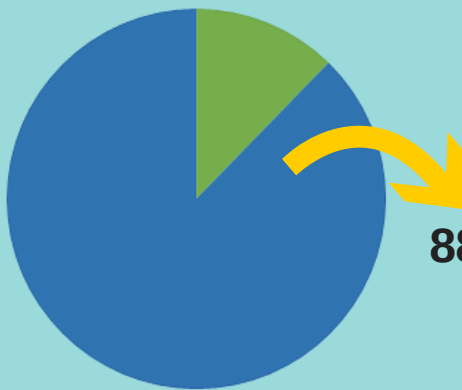
Who we heard from

300 people attended public meetings
1,045 people took the online survey

"AS A LOCAL REALTOR, PLACES TO WALK AND RIDE BIKES HAVE A
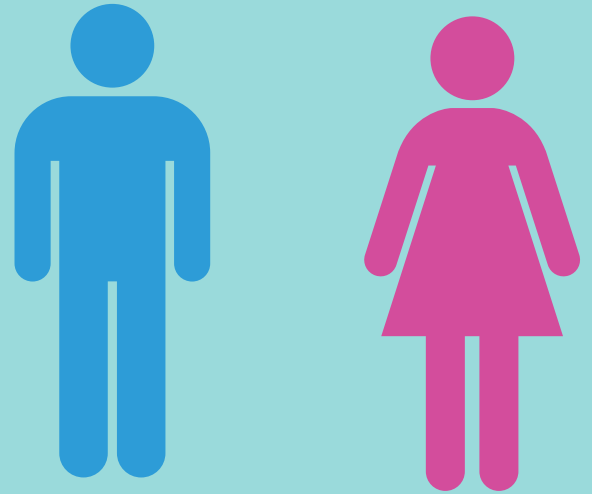LARGE IMPACT ON WHAT AREAS MY
CLIENTS PICK TO PURCHASE
A HOME IN"

88 % of the survey respondents live
in Chesterfield County
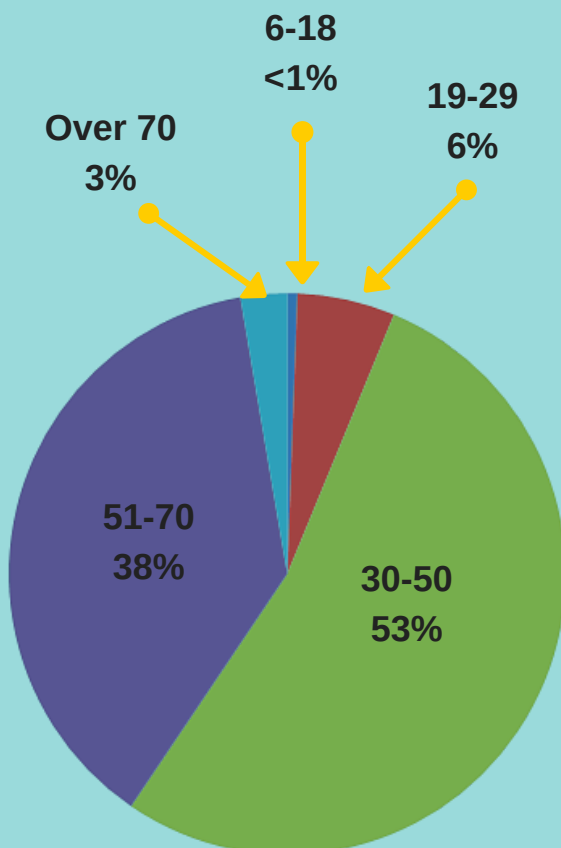
Do you work in Chesterfield
County?

45 % Yes

45 % Sometimes

10 % No

The survey respondents were 51% Male and 48% Female

WANT TO SEE FULL RESULTS OF THE SURVEY?

WWW.CHESTERFIELD.GOV/BIKEPLAN

6-18
<1%

19-29
6%

Over 70
3%

51-70
38%

30-50
53%

Age Group

The 30-50 and 51-70 age groups made up the majority of the survey respondents at 91%

What's Next?

Staff and partners will take your input and draft the Bikeways and Trails plan this winter. In early 2015, we will hold community workshops for you to review and comment on the draft plan. After that, be sure to follow the plan as it makes its way through the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors for approval.

In the meantime, drop us an email if you want to get on our mailing list.

Thanks to our partners for making the community workshops such a success!

Sports Backers staff brought ipads for the online survey and we enjoyed meeting at the Chesterfield branches of the Greater Richmond YMCA
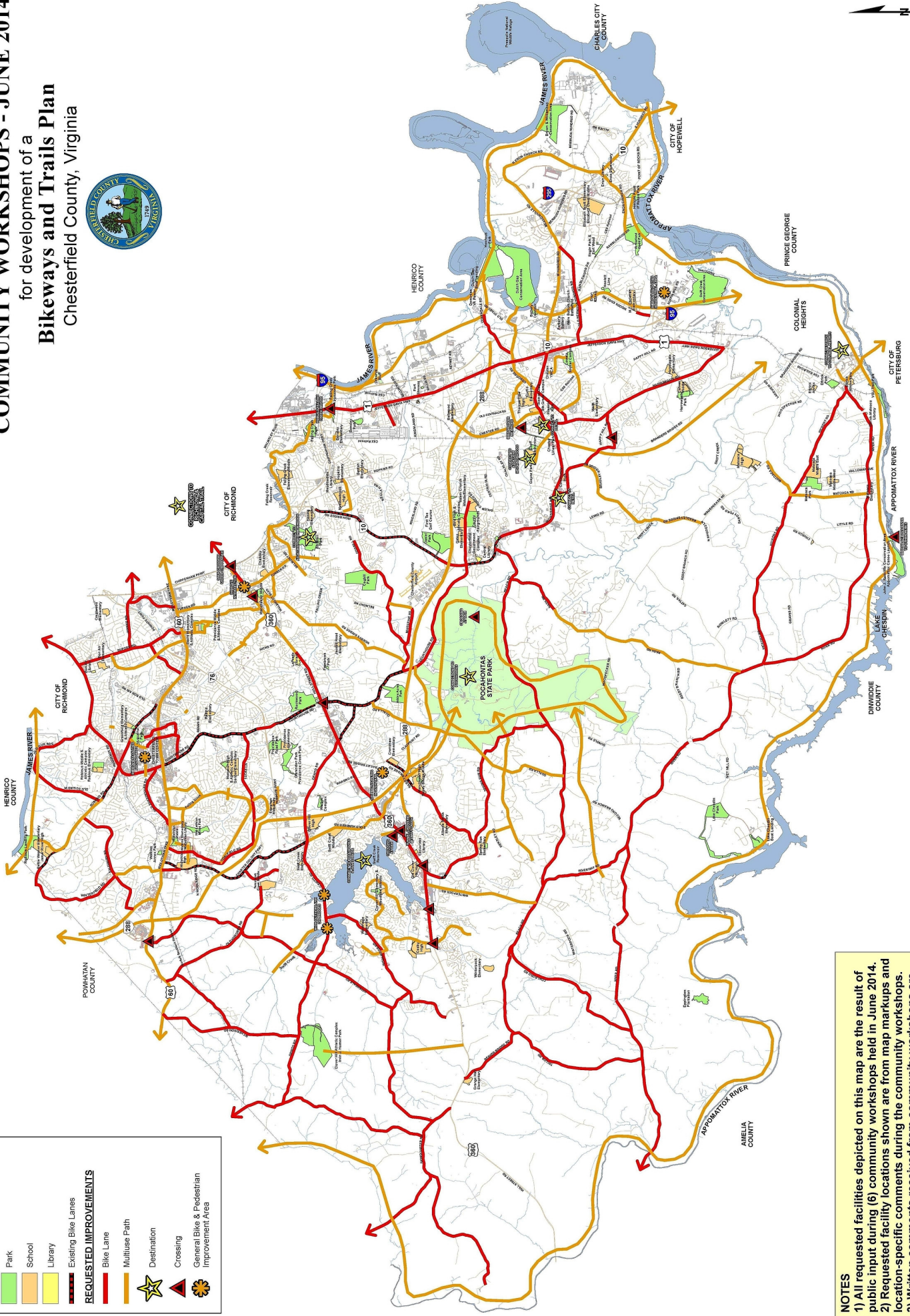
PUBLIC INPUT RESULTS
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NOT TO SCALE

Legend

- Park
- School
- Library
- Existing Bike Lanes

REQUESTED IMPROVEMENTS

- Bike Lane
- Multiuse Path
- Destination
- Crossing
- General Bike & Pedestrian Improvement Area

NOTES
1) All requested facilities depicted on this map are the result of public input during (6) community workshops held in June 2014.
2) Requested facility locations shown are from map markups and location-specific comments during the community workshops.
3) Written comments received from community workshops are available for review as a seperate document.

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